

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BUHR, et al.

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated September 18, 2006. The three-month shortened statutory period for response expires December 18, 2006. Thus, this Response is timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and objections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 9 and add new claim 12 as outlined in Appendix A submitted herewith.

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